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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Docket No. DHS-2018-0056

Technical Assistance Request and Evaluation

AGENCY: Office of Cybersecurity and Communications (CS&C),
National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD),
Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

ACTION: 60-Day Notice and request for comments; Extension

SUMMARY: DHS NPPD CS&C will submit the following information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until
[*INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE
FEDERAL REGISTER*].

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number DHS-2018-0056, by one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal:
<http://www.regulations.gov>. Please follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- E-mail: Kendall.Carpenter@HQ.DHS.GOV. Please include docket number DHS-2018-0056 in the subject line of the message.
- Mail: Written comments and questions about this

Information Collection Request should be forwarded to
DHS/NPPD/CS&C/NCSD/CSEP, ATTN: 1670-0023, 245 Murray
Lane, SW, Mail Stop 0640, Kendall Carpenter,
Arlington, VA 20528.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words "Department of Homeland Security" and the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

Comments submitted in response to this notice may be made available to the public through relevant websites. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. If you send an e-mail comment, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. Please note that responses to this public comment request containing any routine notice about the confidentiality of the communication will be treated as public comments that may be made available to the public notwithstanding the inclusion of the routine notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Kendall

Carpenter at 703.705.6376 or at
Kendall.Carpenter@HQ.DHS.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Emergency Communications (OEC), formed under Title XVIII of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, 6 U.S.C. 571 et seq., as amended, provides emergency communications-related technical assistance at no charge to State, regional, local, and tribal government officials. To receive this technical assistance, stakeholders must submit a request form identifying their priorities. In order for OEC to assess the value of the services it provides through technical assistance, an evaluation form is also requested of those receiving technical assistance.

OEC uses the Technical Assistance Request Form (DHS Form 9043) to identify the number and type of technical assistance services needed by the State, territory, local, and tribal agencies. This information enables OEC to plan and align resources accordingly. OEC considers each request based on the priority indicated by the State, as well as the anticipated impact of the service offering on the implementation of the Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP) and the applicability to National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP). The evaluation form (DHS Form 9042) is completed by stakeholders at the

completion of OEC technical assistance services and enables OEC to assess the quality of technical assistance services provided and, in a holistic fashion, measure the value of the services. The information collected through these evaluations is used by OEC for continued improvement planning.

Approximately 100 percent of request and evaluation forms are submitted electronically by logging into the portal at <https://www.dhs.gov/ictapscip-resources>. From the website, users are able to select the appropriate form, either the Technical Assistance Requests (DHS Form 9043) and/or the TA Evaluation forms (DHS Form 9042), to complete as a fillable PDF. Each form is then submitted by email to either TARrequest@hq.dhs.gov or TAevaluations@hq.dhs.gov, respectively.

The changes to the collection since the previous OMB approval include: updating the web address, decreasing the estimated number of responses, decreasing the burden time, and increasing the cost estimates.

This is a renewal of an information collection.

OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency,

including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Title of Collection: Technical Assistance Request and Evaluation

OMB Control Number: 1670-0023

Frequency: Annually

Affected Public: State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Governments

Number of Respondents: 175

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 0.25 hours

Total Burden Hours: 50 hours

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0

Total Recordkeeping Burden: \$0

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$0

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